Identification of Water Rich and Water Poor Basins

101. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps have been initiated for identifying water rich and water poor basins as a part of the linking of major river of the country;

(b) if so, the details of such basins identified as on today;

(c) whether any water rich river basins have been identified in Kerala;

(d) if so, the details thereof including the details of rivers associated with the basin;

(e) whether the suggestions of the State Government of Kerala have been sought regarding the above basins; and

(f) if so, details thereof including the report submitted by Government of Kerala in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) National Water Development Agency (NWDA) has conducted water balance studies and has identified 23 water surplus & 11 water deficit basins.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) to (f) The Pamba & Achankovil basins/sub-basins have been identified as water surplus basins. The Kerala Government has informed that Pamba & Achankovil rivers will be water short at the ultimate stage of development as per the study carried out by Centre for Water Resources Development and Management (CWRDM), Kozhikode, Kerala.

Plan to Interlink Major Rivers in Country

102. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of plan to interlink all major rivers in the country;

(b) the river-wise details of plan thereof made by Government during the Tenth Plan;

(c) whether Government are aware that China has drawn up its own road map to divert rivers originating in the Tibet including Brahmaputra river; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto?